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REMARKS

The claims have been amended above to reduce the filing fees, without prejudice.

A further copy of the Notice dated November 7, 2003, is attached.

As explained in the PETITION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS filed November 14, 2003, it is the undersigned's understanding from the attached Notice that the due date for filing the filing fees in response to the Notice was January 7, 2004, and that this due date is extendible under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The separate requirements of the Notice relating to Figures 3-5 were previously responded to with the PETITION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS, AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT filed November 14, 2003. A copy of the undersigned's post card receipt from the November 14, 2003 filing is attached as evidence of receipt of the same by the Patent Office.

The attached Notice requires submission of the inventors' Oath or Declaration. Copies of same were filed and received by the Patent Office on July 18, 2003 and November 14, 2003. A further copy is not believed to be required however the Office is requested to advise the undersigned if otherwise.

The requisite filing fees are attached.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Refund of the \$130 Petition fee submitted November 14, 2003, to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 14-1140, is requested for the reasons noted in the PETITION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS filed November 14, 2003.

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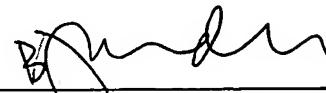
A Corrected Filing Receipt is requested for the reasons noted in the REQUEST
FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT filed November 14, 2003.

Return of an initialed copy of the PTO 1449 Forms filed July 18, 2003, pursuant
to MPEP § 609, is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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